



## Ecosystem stewardship: Sustainability strategies for a rapidly changing planet

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### Abstract:

Ecosystem stewardship is an action-oriented framework intended to foster the social-ecological sustainability of a rapidly changing planet. Recent developments identify three strategies that make optimal use of current understanding in an environment of inevitable uncertainty and abrupt change: reducing the magnitude of, and exposure and sensitivity to, known stresses; focusing on proactive policies that shape change; and avoiding or escaping unsustainable social-ecological traps. As we discuss here, all social-ecological systems are vulnerable to recent and projected changes but have sources of adaptive capacity and resilience that can sustain ecosystem services and human well-being through active ecosystem stewardship.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

General Geographical Feature

#### Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

#### Mitigation/Adaptation: ☒

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mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Research Article

## **Resilience:**

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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## **Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified